

**REMARKS**

The Examiner has made the following restriction:

*Group I, claims 1, 2, 5, 6, 9 and 10, drawn to a serum-free cell-freezing medium.*

*Group II, claims 3 and 4, drawn to a process for generating a stable serum-free Vero cell bank.*

*Group III, claims 7, 8 and 11, drawn to a stable serum-free Vero cell bank.*

Applicants elect Group III without traverse. Applicants reserve the right to file applications for the non-elected claims. Applicants reserve the right to rejoinder of withdrawn claims as appropriate.

In view of the foregoing discussion, Applicants submit that the present application is in condition for allowance. Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

If a telephone conference would advance prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at (845) 602-4760. Should the Commissioner determine that any other fee(s) is due or that any credit for overpayment is required, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any additional fee(s) and/or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 16-445.

Respectfully submitted,

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